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Briefing Note

CECA Member Briefing:

Covid-19: CECA update

Introduction

This short briefing has been prepared on behalf of the UK construction sector to brief companies and individuals on the ongoing repercussions of the Covid-19 coronavirus for our sector. This briefing will be delivered daily by CECA over the coming weeks – if you would like further information, or to input your views, contact CECA chief executive Alasdair Reisner on 07977151912 or e-mail alasdairreisner@ceca.co.uk.

Support the fight against Coronavirus

The UK Government has asked industry to offer support to those fighting coronavirus. If your business can offer support in any of the following circumstances:

- Protective equipment for healthcare workers, such as masks, gowns, and sanitiser;
- Hotel rooms;
- Transport and logistics, for moving goods or people;
- Manufacturing equipment;
- Warehouse or office space, for medical use or storage;
- Expert advice or consultancy on IT, manufacturing, construction, project management, procurement, or engineering;
- Social care or childcare;
- Community support.

Please use [this link](#) to offer your help.

CECA Training & Development Update (2 April 2020)

Read CECA's latest training & development update in reference to Covid-19 [here](#).

Training & Development E-Resources

Click [here](#) for a list of CITB-supported training & development e-resources.

Updated Site Operating Procedures

There has been significant feedback on the updated Site Operating Procedures - Version 2. Whilst this feedback is reviewed the Construction Leadership Council has re-issued Version 1, which is the document the industry should be complying with and is available [here](#).

Local advice and support for Business

Growth hubs are local public/private sector partnerships backed by the Government, led and governed by Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs). The network of 38 Growth Hubs across England provide a free to use, impartial and local single point of contact to all businesses, so that they can access the right advice and support when they need it. The hubs can advise businesses on local and national business support - including schemes put in place to help businesses through the current Covid 19 situation - and help businesses build their resilience. Businesses can find their local Growth Hub [here](#).

Builders Merchants

The Builders Merchants Federation has prepared details of whether its member companies are open, operating a reduced service or closed. To view which BMF builders merchant member companies are open or shut during the COVID-19 crisis click [here](#).

HSE Coronavirus Stakeholder Bulletin

You can read the HSE's coronavirus stakeholder bulletin [here](#).

Mental health and wellbeing

Advice and information on how employees can look after their mental health and wellbeing during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak is available [here](#).

Covid-19 Webinars

ACE has announced a new online webinar series to help its members and the wider industry through the coronavirus crisis. Hosted by ACE chief executive Hannah Vickers, Navigating COVID-19 covers the major issues currently facing our industry including finance, people, communications and procurement. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask virtual questions to the panel of experts on specific announcements, such as the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme or Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme. The webinars are open to anyone with an interest in the topics covered. Sign-up now to upcoming webinars through the links below:

People in a Pandemic (07.04.20, 12.00pm)

Exploring the HR and people issues raised by the crisis such as remote working, staff morale and more. Panellists TBA soon.

Communicating in a Crisis (09.04.20, 1.30pm)

With special guest [Andy Walker](#), editor of *Infrastructure Intelligence*, we will explore the steps you need to take to communicate effectively externally, internally and with stakeholders and clients. [Stuart Young](#), BEIS joins us to help answer any questions.

[Find out more and replay previous episodes here.](#)

CECA Employment Briefing - Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (Updated 31 March)

Read CECA's Employment Briefing on the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme [here](#). Please note this briefing will be updated as further information becomes available.

CECA Employment Briefing - Coronavirus

Read CECA's Employment Briefing on the impacts of Covid-19 [here](#).

New CECA Guidance (30 March) - Temporary Suspension of Sites

CECA has published new guidance on the temporary suspension of sites. Read it [here](#).

New industry survey (31 March 2020)

As part of our work to assess the impact of Covid-19 on the construction sector, we have been carrying out a series of surveys. Thank you to all firms that have taken part in the surveys. The latest version can be found [here](#). While the questions are similar to previous versions, please do fill in this version, as it allows us to assess changes in the industry over time.